

## Message Text

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PRIS, BRUSSELS FOR FAA  
BONN FOR EAO

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PINS, EAIR  
SUBJECT: HIJACK OF TWA FLIGHT

REFS: (A) GENEVA 12908, (B) GENEVA 12916, (C) GENEVA  
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1. WITH THE EVACUATION AT 4:00 PM SWISS TIME OF TWA 830,  
ALL PASSENGERS AND CREW HAVE BEEN TAKEN BY SWISS  
AUTHORITIES TO A HOLDING AREA WHERE AN INVESTIGATION  
WILL BE CONDUCTED IN AN ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY WHICH OF  
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THE PASSENGERS DELIVERED THE TWO MESSAGES CONTAINED  
REFTELS TO ONE OF THE STEWARDESSES DURING THE NIGHT.

2. AS RECIPIENT POSTS MAY OR MAY NOT BE AWARE, THIS  
HIGHJACKING INCIDENT BEGAN WHEN AN INDIVIDUAL, AS YET  
UNIDENTIFIED, WEARING A FALSE WIG AND MOUSTACHE DROPPED  
THE TWO REFERENCED MESSAGES IN THE LAP OF A DOZING

HOSTESS AND TOLD HER TO TAKE THEM IMMEDIATELY TO THE PILOT. APPARENTLY, THE WOULD-BE HIGHJACKER THEN RETURNED TO HIS SEAT, REMOVED HIS DISGUISE AND HAS NOT IDENTIFIED HIMSELF SINCE.

3. MEANTIME, THE AIRCRAFT HAS BEEN LEFT WHERE IT WAS STANDING IN AN ISOLATED AREA. NO ONE IS APPROACHING IT, FOR THE TIME BEING, AND WE PRESUME THE LUGGAGE WILL NOT BE REMOVED UNTIL WELL AFTER THE 5:30 PM DEADLINE WHEN THE BOMB WAS SCHEDULED TO HAVE GONE OFF.

4. WE WILL ADVISE THE DEPARTMENT AS SOON AS THE SWISS AUTHORITIES HAVE COMPLETED THEIR INVESTIGATION. WE HAVE CONSULAR OFFICERS AT THE AIRPORT TO ASSIST AMERICAN CITIZENS AS THEY ARE RELEASED. VANDEN HEUVEL

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## Message Attributes

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